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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

NO. CR22-049 RSM

MOTION FOR DETENTION

v.

AVANISH KUMAR JHA, and
RAJNISH KUMAR JHA,
Defendants.

The United States moves for pretrial detention of the defendants, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e) and (f).

1. **Eligibility of Case.** This case is eligible for a detention order because this case involves (check all that apply):

- ☐ Crime of violence (18 U.S.C. § 3156).
- ☐ Crime of terrorism (18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B)) with a maximum sentence of ten years or more.
- ☐ Crime with a maximum sentence of life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ Drug offense with a maximum sentence of ten years or more.

☐ Felony offense and defendant has two prior convictions in the four categories above, or two state convictions that would otherwise fall within these four categories if federal jurisdiction had existed.

☐ Felony offense involving a minor victim other than a crime of violence.

☐ Felony offense, other than a crime of violence, involving possession or use of a firearm, destructive device (as those terms are defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921), or any other dangerous weapon.

☐ Felony offense other than a crime of violence that involves a failure to register as a sex offender (18 U.S.C. § 2250).

☒ Serious risk the defendants will flee.

☐ Serious risk of obstruction of justice, including intimidation of a prospective witness or juror.

2. **Reason for Detention.** The Court should detain the defendants because there are no conditions of release which will reasonably assure (check one or both):

☒ Defendants' appearance as required.

☐ Safety of any other person and the community.

3. **Rebuttable Presumption.** The United States will invoke the rebuttable presumption against the defendants under § 3142(e). The presumption applies because:

☐ Probable cause to believe defendant committed offense within five years of release following conviction for a qualifying offense committed while on pretrial release.

☐ Probable cause to believe defendant committed drug offense with a maximum sentence of ten years or more.

☐ Probable cause to believe defendant committed a violation of one of the following offenses: 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 956 (conspiracy to murder or kidnap), 2332b (act of terrorism), 2332b(g)(5)(B) (crime of terrorism).

☐ Probable cause to believe defendant committed an offense involving a victim under the age of 18 under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591, 2241, 2242, 2244(a)(1), 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2252(a)(1) through 2252(a)(3), 2252A(a)(1) through 2252A(a)(4), 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425.

4. **Time for Detention Hearing.** The United States requests the Court conduct the detention hearing:

☐ At the initial appearance

☒ After a continuance of 3 days (not more than 3).

DATED this 28th day of February, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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